

**JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING**  
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners  
770 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2018  
February 20, 2018  
Scheduled Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm on February 20, 2018.

Joint Committee members present:

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP  
Sheila Lopez, CNM  
Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, CRNP  
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD  
John S. Meigs Jr., MD  
Dick Owens, MD

Staff members present:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:

Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, NE-BC, MSN, MSHA, RN  
Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice  
Sharon Tubbs, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Linda Stripling, Collaborative Practice/Administrative Assistant  
Amy Wybenga, CRNP, Nurse Practitioner Consultant

Joint Committee Visitors

Eileen Meyer, CRNP, Assistant Director Advanced Practice, UAB  
Lindsey Harris, CRNP

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was declared with three nurse members and three physician members present.

**3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Prior notice of meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda as presented to include the modifications for Amended Item 8. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of November 15, 2017, as presented to include the correction on page 3, Item D, changing the wording "integrated approval" to "integrated approach". Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, the Joint Committee received as information, the memo regarding the cancellation of the January 16, 2018 meeting as per Governor Ivey's order to close state agencies no later than 4:00 pm due to inclement weather.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Mays High Resolution Anascopy

March 2017: ABME granted approval to train with the stipulation that documentation of training be provided upon completion of 10 supervised procedures and 10 independent procedures under video with subsequent review by the physician and nurse practitioner. Additionally, any adverse event is to be reported to the Board.

November 2017: Ms. Mays submitted documentation of the performance of 20 total procedures between April and October 2017. Each procedure resulted in at least one biopsy. Nine of the twenty procedures required the patient to undergo fulguration in the operating room (OR) for the high-grade dysplasia. The remaining eleven patients were scheduled for follow up in 3 months.

**On February 20, 2018**, Kathleen Rhodes moved that the Joint Committee grant final approval for performance of HRA by Janeen Mays, CRNP in collaboration with Dr. Gregory D. Kennedy. Sheila Lopez seconded. Motion carried without objection.

### B. Scope of Practice on ABN Approval Letters

Efforts are ongoing by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ABME) and the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) to remind physicians, nurse practitioners and nurse midwives of the limitations of scope of practice.

The ABME continues to include additional information for the physician in the collaboration certificate mailed to the physician.

Approval letters emailed by the ABN were revised to include the following language:

Your practice is limited to the scope of your educational preparation and specialty certification(s). Only formal education and specialty certifications qualifies you to treat patients in a specific population-focused area of practice. "On-the-job"/"in-house" training with a physician does not increase your scope of practice and/or allow you to treat patient populations for which you do not hold certification. Failure to limit your practice to the scope of your specialty could leave you and your facility/employer legally at risk. Refer to My Profile on the ABN website, [www.abn.alabama.gov](http://www.abn.alabama.gov), to review current information on file with the Board.

**On February 20, 2018**, the Joint Committee members received the report as information.

### C. Otolaryngology Procedure Request

The Joint Committee members discussed recommending approval of statewide criteria for Otolaryngology to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and the Alabama Board of Nursing.

Dr. Jordan recommended changing the third initial requirement to read: Observation of no less than 150 procedures, for each requested procedure, as a CRNP or PA (including normal/abnormal tissue distinction) **before** requesting to train to perform procedure.

Dr. Jordan recommended changing the second supervised practice requirement to read: CRNP or PA will perform and document no less than 25 procedures yearly to maintain certification.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Owens moved that the Joint Committee members recommend approval of the statewide criteria for Otolaryngology to Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and Alabama Board of Nursing to include the changes documented above. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

### D. Critical Care – Advanced Protocol

The Joint Committee members discussed recommending approval of statewide criteria for Advanced Critical Care to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and the Alabama Board of Nursing.

Dr. Meigs raised discussion regarding CVL Removals not being performed in the simulation laboratory.

Dr. Jordan recommended clarifying that CVL Removals may not be performed in the simulation laboratory to keep rules consistent across protocols.

Dr. Baker questioned the reasoning for the exclusion of the simulation laboratory training for CVL removals. Dr. Meigs stated the major concern is debris being left behind and maintaining consistency across protocols.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee members recommend approval of the statewide criteria for Advanced Critical Care to Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and Alabama Board of Nursing to include clarification that CVL Removals may not be performed in a simulation laboratory. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Midwifery Protocol

The Joint Committee members discussed approving the move of additional skills to the individual application request and then eliminating the Expanded Midwifery Protocol.

The Expanded Midwifery Protocol includes two procedures (subdermal contraceptive/hormonal implant, insertion and removal; circumcision) and one ultrasound (OB Limited), that are not included in the Standard Midwifery Protocol. The pelvic and Ob/Gyn ultrasound, endometrial and cervical biopsy, and endocervical curettage are included in both protocols. Subdermal contraceptive/hormonal implant, insertion and removal currently is available for selection from the skill list on the Modification application for Standard Protocol. Circumcision and OB limited ultrasound are the two remaining items. Circumcision and OB limited ultrasound will be added to the skill list on the CNM Modification application, upon recommendation by the Joint Committee and approval by the ABN and ABME of elimination of the Expanded Midwifery Protocol.

Deletion of the specialty protocol will streamline the skill request process and maintain consistency between ABN and ABME for joint regulation of CRNP practice.

Upon approval, the revised criteria will be posted on the Board of Nursing website and distributed by list serv announcement to Advanced Practice Nurses and medical credentialing staff.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Owens moved that the Joint Committee members approve moving additional skills to the individual application request and eliminate Midwifery Protocol. Sheila Lopez seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**B. Central Venous Line Removal**

The Joint Committee members provided guidance for processing skill request to Remove CVL (Percutaneous and Tunneled).

Dr. Jordan recommended changing the requirement for supervised practice to be submitted Within 1 year of approval to train, instead of 2 years, or approval to train will lapse. The 1-year time frame will apply to all Critical Care skills.

Dr. Baker reminded the Committee that the exclusion of the simulation lab needs to be reflected here as well.

Dr. Meigs recommended acceptance of the standard language: *"Only for practitioners who have previously been approved or are requesting to train to place CVL"*.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee change the requirement for supervised practice for all Critical Care Skill to be submitted within 1 year of approval to train, instead of 2 years, or approval to train will lapse. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee accept, *"Only for practitioners who have previously been approved or are requesting to train to place CVL"* as standard language. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**C. Orthopaedic Specialty Protocol for Joints**

The Joint Committee members provided guidance for processing skill request to expand and/or modify an existing approval for joint injections.

"Allowed to perform aspirations of joints (limited to shoulder, elbow, knee, ankle and greater trochanteric bursa), with Board approved documentation of training under direct physician supervision. Allowed to perform injections to joints (limited to shoulder, elbow, knee, ankle and greater trochanteric bursa), with Board approved documentation of training under direct physician supervision. Mid-Levels are approved to perform joint injections at remote site locations after approval of documented training and upon request to and approval by, the Board. Total of 25 supervised injections with no less than three (3) of each joint to be considered for approval".

Dr Jordan's recommendations regarding joint injections are as follows:

| JOINT  | INCLUDED  | EXCLUDED   |
|--|---|--|
| Shoulder   | Acromioclavicular Joint<br>Subacromial Bursa                    | Glenohumeral Joint<br>Bicipital Tendon   |
| Elbow  | Medial Epicondyle<br>Lateral Epicondyle                         | Epicondylitis (this is a condition)<br>Ulnar Collateral Ligament<br>Biceps Tendon<br>Biceps Muscle<br>Annular Ligament of Radius                   |
| Greater Trochanteric Bursa                                 | Iliopsoas Bursa<br>Gluteous Medius Bursa<br>Ischiogluteal Bursa | Hip Joint  |
| Knee   | Knee Joint<br>Pes Anserine Bursa                                | Suprapatellar Bursa<br>Prepatellar Bursa<br>Infrapatellar Bursa<br>Patellar Tendon<br>Sartorius Tendon<br>Gracilis Tendon<br>Semitendinosus Tendon |
| Ankle<br>Wrist<br>Hand                                     |   | NPs should not be performing injections in the ankle, wrist, nor hand  |
| <b>**No injections of tendons, ligaments, or muscles**</b> |   |  |

Dr. Jordan recommended performing a query on NPs previously approved for Orthopedic Specialty Protocol/Joint Injections to see how many, if any, are performing injections of the ankle, hand and/or wrist. If any NPs are performing these injections, they should be notified that ankle, hand, and wrist injections have been removed as approved locations of joint injections.

Dr. Jordan recommended that approval to inject a joint should be limited to medications that are FDA approved due to significant risks. This would exclude the use of Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) and Stem Cells for joint injections and wound treatment.

**On February 20, 2018**, the Joint Committee deferred the Orthopedic Specialty Protocol for Joint Injections to the next available meeting pending further research.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee deny approval of non-FDA approved medications to include the use of Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) and Stem Cells for joint injections and wound treatment. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by October 20, 2017, for Collaborative Practice agreements.

### A. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of December 22, 2017, the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

Prior to publication of the roster (not listed on roster)

| Period                | Nurse             | RN License | Physician         | Physician License |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11/22/2017-12/22/2017 | Deborah Hargrove  | 1-095801   | Allen Schmidt     | MD14778           |
| 10/26/2017-12/21/2017 | Kathleen Santiago | 1-104704   | Jason Finkelstein | MD34729           |

After publication of the roster

| Item Number | Period                 | Nurse          | RN License | Physician            | Physician License |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1-1         | 11/8/2017-1/8/2018     | Lora Abernathy | 1-040352   | Charles Bradford III | MD7481            |
| 92-1        | 11/22/2017 – 1/10/2018 | Jason Watkins  | 1-136865   | David Denney         | MD9493            |

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice for the period from date of temporary approval through date of withdrawal or termination, as stated. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

#### B. Applications for Full Review

The applications for 'Full Review' include Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians.

1. Items 1 -1 thru 101-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee deny Item 40-1 due to the incongruity of clinical specialties. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve Items 48-1, 69-1 and 82-1 except for the covering physician, Gary Merrell, MD14017, due to the incongruity of clinical specialties. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve Items 17-1, 28-1 and 85-1. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve Item 97-1. Kathleen Rhodes seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee deny Items 21-1, 54-1 and 61-1 due to the incongruity of clinical specialties. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve Item 84-1. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve Items 3-1, 9-1, 11-1, 13-1, 25-1, 33-1, 55-1, 64-1, 81-1 and 88-1. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, Kathleen Rhodes moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, Items 1 -1 thru 101-1 as listed on the roster, excluding Items in 8A, as indicated and referenced in the above motions. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. Items 102-2 thru 104-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

**On February 20, 2018**, Kathleen Rhodes moved that the Joint Committee approve Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, Items 102-2 thru 104-2 as listed on the roster. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3. Items 105-3 thru 131-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Owens moved that the Joint Committee approve Item 105-3. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, Items 105-3 thru 131-3 as listed on the roster excluding Items 121-3 and 122-3 which were deferred to a later meeting and Item 129-3 which was deferred until NP receives full approval for Trigger Point Injections below T12 at which time NP will need to resubmit request. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

4. Items 132-4 thru 159-4, Collaborative Practice Application which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid.

| Item # | APP TYPE | LICENSE # | NURSE NAME           | PHYSICIAN NAME   | LICENSE # | APPLICATION DATE |
|--------|----------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 132-4  | Add New  | 1-103424  | Susan Perry          | Thakorbhai Darji | MD15443   | 10/23/2017       |
| 133-4  | Add New  | 1-136901  | Mary Epps            | Peter Strogov    | MD30426   | 10/25/2017       |
| 134-4  | Add New  | 1-126161  | Laura Penkava        | Shanon Jernigan  | MD27306   | 11/1/2017        |
| 135-4  | Add New  | 1-140611  | Metta Smith          | Joseph Tubbs     | MD26218   | 11/7/2017        |
| 136-4  | Add New  | 1-122305  | Erica Touchstone     | Lori Rosenthal   | MD32160   | 11/8/2017        |
| 137-4  | Add New  | 1-119499  | Heather Harvey       | Ian Thorneycroft | MD15135   | 11/8/2017        |
| 138-4  | Add New  | 1-125282  | Lakimbrell Marshall  | Corrairie Young  | MD20636   | 11/15/2017       |
| 139-4  | Add New  | 1-089138  | Randall Simpkins Jr. | Tacey Wilson     | MD28867   | 11/16/2017       |

|       |            |          |                     |                      |         |            |
|-------|------------|----------|---------------------|----------------------|---------|------------|
| 140-4 | Add<br>New | 1-068351 | Sharon Hawkins      | Morris Cochran       | MD14439 | 11/21/2017 |
| 141-4 | Add<br>New | 1-099271 | Danetta McCurley    | Maria Rabin          | MD21708 | 11/21/2017 |
| 142-4 | Add<br>New | 1-138659 | Christopher Carlson | Douglas Minnich      | MD28565 | 11/24/2017 |
| 143-4 | Add<br>New | 1-129274 | David Graham        | Lori Rosenthal       | MD32160 | 11/24/2014 |
| 144-4 | Add<br>New | 1-114310 | Elsen Dalizu        | Marcia Chesebro      | MD4529  | 12/2/2017  |
| 145-4 | Add<br>New | 1-046804 | Mary Brown          | Sandra Carpenter     | MD22495 | 12/4/2017  |
| 146-4 | Add<br>New | 1-127439 | Kimkeisha Mitchell  | Adam Nortick         | MD16195 | 12/8/2017  |
| 147-4 | Add<br>New | 1-116722 | Joanna Kallendorf   | Rick Harrelson       | MD17429 | 12/11/2017 |
| 148-4 | Add<br>New | 1-110245 | Amy Dunson          | Paul Miller          | MD12016 | 12/19/2017 |
| 149-4 | Add<br>New | 1-137562 | Jennifer Firestone  | John Padley          | MD32832 | 12/21/2017 |
| 150-4 | Add<br>New | 1-064337 | Mary Wade           | James Blanton        | MD3558  | 12/26/2017 |
| 151-4 | Add<br>New | 1-142698 | Roydale Wright      | Shanker Unnikrishnan | MD32847 | 1/5/2018   |
| 152-4 | Add<br>New | 1-131270 | Jilly Shelby        | Melissa Young-King   | DO674   | 1/8/2018   |
| 153-4 | Add<br>New | 1-152118 | Rachel Goodloe      | James Smith          | DO969   | 1/16/2018  |
| 154-4 | Add<br>New | 1-109547 | Nina Harvey         | Zachary Stone        | MD30200 | 1/17/2018  |
| 155-4 | Initial    | 1-165429 | Elizabeth Noland    | Daryl Ellis          | MD18084 | 11/6/2017  |
| 156-4 | Initial    | 1-148877 | Alexandra Alston    | Geoffrey Habermacher | MD35275 | 11/13/2017 |
| 157-4 | Initial    | 1-160998 | Laura Craddock      | Roman Perri          | MD36363 | 11/20/2017 |
| 158-4 | Initial    | 1-165531 | Shomika Battle      | Daryl Ellis          | MD18084 | 11/29/2017 |
| 159-4 | Initial    | 1-106420 | Leslie Bridges      | Scott Beals          | DO988   | 12/5/2017  |

**On February 20, 2018**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee withdraw from consideration complete Collaborative Practice Applications which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid, in compliance with the Red Tape Reduction Act (Code of Alabama 1975 Section 41-22-5.1). Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

### A. Joint Committee Meeting, November 2018

The November 2018 Joint Committee Meeting is being moved from Tuesday, November 13, 2018 to Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

**On February 20, 2018**, the Joint Committee members received as information

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Nursing located on 770 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. Baker stated that she will not be in attendance at the March 20, 2018 Joint Committee meeting and selected Kathleen Rhodes to act as Chairperson for that meeting.

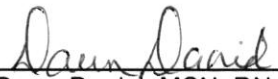
**11. ADJOURNMENT**


Dr. Meigs moved for adjournment. Kathleen Rhodes seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm on February 20, 2018.

  
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Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP, FAANP, Chairperson

5/15/2018  
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Date of Approval

Submitted by:

  
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Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN  
Alabama Board of Nursing

  
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Sharon Tubbs, Recorder, February 20, 2018  
Alabama Board of Nursing